

DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kevin L. Wingate on 01/22/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims

Claims 58, 59, 76, and 77 are canceled.

Claims 43, 60, 61, and 78 are amended as follow:

Claim 43 (Currently Amended) A method for specifying and automating file handling in a portable image capture device the portable image capture device including at least one stored file and configured to communicate with a computer, the method comprising:

In response to a user configuring an action list on the computer (Figure 1, Element 24) by mapping one or more user input events detectable on the portable image capture device to one or more file handling actions on the at least one stored

file, downloading the action list from the computer to the portable image capture device;
and

Performing, on the at least one stored file included in the portable image capture device the corresponding file handling action on the at least one stored file within the portable image capture device when an input event on the portable image capture device is detected that matches one of the user input events in the action list;

Retrieving an executable file necessary to perform the corresponding file handling action;

Determining # when the executable file is present in memory of the portable image capture device; and

When the executable file is present in the memory, retrieving and executing the executable file from the memory, thereby performing the action.

Claim 60 (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[59]] 43 further comprising:

When the executable is not present in the memory of the portable image capture device:

Retrieving the executable file from the computer; and

Executing the executable file.

Claim 61 (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions for specifying and automating file handling in a portable image capture device, the portable image capture device including at least one

stored file and configured to communicate with a computer, the instructions, when executed:

Downloading an action list from the computer to the portable image capture device, the action list comprising a mapping of one or more user input events on the portable image capture device to one or more file handling actions on the at least one stored file; and

Performing on the file, corresponding file handling action within the portable image capture device when an input event is detected on the portable image capture device that matches one of the events in the downloaded action list;

Detecting the input events on the device;

Comparing the detected input events to the events listed in the downloaded action list; and

if When a match occurs, performing the corresponding action or actions in the list by retrieving the executable file necessary to execute that action;

Determining if when the executable file is present in memory of the portable image capture device; and

if When the executable file is present in the memory, retrieving and executing the executable file, thereby performing the action.

Claim 78 (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim [[77]] 61 having further instructions for:

if When the executable is not present in the memory:

Requesting the executable file from the computer; and

Executing the executable file once received.

Reason for allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 43, the prior art of record does not teach: A method for specifying and automating file handling in a portable image capture device the portable image capture device including at least one stored file and configured to communicate with a computer, the method comprising:

Retrieving an executable file necessary to perform the corresponding file handling action;

Determining when the executable file is present in memory of the portable image capture device; and

when the executable file is present in the memory, retrieving and executing the executable file from the memory, thereby performing the action in combination with other elements.

Regarding claim 61, the prior art of record does not teach: A computer-readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions for specifying and automating file handling in a portable image capture device, the portable image capture device including at least one stored file and configured to communicate with a computer, the instructions, when executed:

Detecting the input events on the device;

Comparing the detected input events to the events listed in the downloaded action list; and

When a match occurs, performing the corresponding action or actions in the list by retrieving the executable file necessary to execute that action;

Determining if the executable file is present in memory of the portable image capture device; and

When the executable file is present in the memory, retrieving and executing the executable file, thereby performing the action.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SELAM T. GEBRIEL whose telephone number is (571)270-1652. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 7.30am-5.00pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tran Sinh can be reached on 571-272-7564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-

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